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Mr. John David Marshall, age 77, died June 6, 2005. Mr. Marshall was the bibliographer at the MTSU (Middle Tennessee State University) Library from 1976-1998. He was university librarian for nine years prior to that before stepping down to do more research and writing. Mr. Marshall received numerous awards, including the 1989 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Florida State University School of Library and Information Studies, where he graduated with a master's degree in 1951 and the 1989 Alumni Achievement Award from Bethel College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1950. Mr. Marshall's distinguished career as librarian/scholar/author includes 41 years of service to academic libraries in Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. He has authored or edited 16 books, published more than 25 articles and has contributed more than 300 book reviews.

### **Irmgard Wolfe**

A memorial service was held Friday, June 3, at Danforth Chapel on The University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus for Irmgard "Irmi" Wolfe, a retired Catalog Librarian and Preservationist with Southern Miss' University Libraries, who died Monday, May 30, at Forrest General Hospital. A native of Munich, Germany, Wolfe attended the University of Munich, where she studied history and English. She received master's degrees in foreign languages and library science from Southern Miss, where she also did graduate study in anthropology, with an emphasis in the field of historical archaeology. Wolfe developed the most sophisticated preservation unit in the state of Mississippi. She was a panel member for Mississippi's Old Capitol Museum, serving as a preservation consultant. She also served as editor for *The Primary Source*, a semiannual publication of The Society of Mississippi Archivists, and was a member of the Mississippi Archaeological Association and the Society of Historical Archaeology.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **Arkansas**

The **Fayetteville Public Library** has been awarded the 2005 Thomson/Gale Library Journal Library of the Year Award. The library was featured on the cover on the June 15 issue of Library Journal and will receive a check for \$ 10,000. The library moved into a new building in late 2004, but library executive director Louise Schaper said that, while the new building was great, it was the programs and services provided by the library and its staff that earned Fayetteville this recognition.

Arkansas held its first Latino author festival March 18-19 in Northwest Arkansas. The festival, entitled "La Voz Latina: A Celebration of Latino Authors" was sponsored by the Arkansas Center for the Book at the **Arkansas State Library**. Major funding was provided by the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The **Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals**, a division of the Arkansas Library Association, held a spring conference May 16-18 at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. The conference had an international theme, "Exploring the World @ Your Library." A basket auction and donations raised five hundred dollars for the ALPS Scholarship Fund.

The **Arkansas Association of School Librarians**, a division of the Arkansas Library Association, will hold its annual conference July 31-August 1 on the campus of Arkansas Technological University in Russellville. Ken Stanatis will deliver the keynote address, "Literacy Lab and the Media Specialist."

The latest addition to the statewide reading program, entitled If All of Arkansas Reads the Same Book, has been named by the

**Arkansas State Library's Center for the Book.** The selection is *Gods and Generals*, the Civil War novel by Jeff Shaara. An author tour is scheduled for September 13-16. The has also received a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council to sponsor a festival focusing on the works of Latino authors. Festival events will be held in Northwest Arkansas at the Fayetteville Public Library and the Arts Center of the Ozarks

The **Clinton Presidential Library** opened in November amidst much fanfare. The current and two former presidents, entertainment and political celebrities, and a crowd of 30,000 were on hand for opening ceremonies despite rain and cold temperatures. Visitors to the library can easily spend a day in the complex and may wish to begin in the orientation theater. From there they can stroll along a 110 foot timeline covering the years of the Clinton administration, see replicas of the White House Cabinet Room and the Oval Office, stop by interactive visitor stations, and much more. On December 27th the library welcomed its 100,000th visitor, an elementary school principal from Dallas, Texas. More information about the library may be obtained at [www.clintonlibrary.gov](http://www.clintonlibrary.gov).

The **Arkansas Library Association** held its 2004 Annual Conference in October at the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock. The conference theme was Building Libraries, Building Communities. Among the featured speakers were former Arkansan librarian Barbara Stripling, author Kevin Brockmeier, and attorney Bettina Brownstein. Officers elected for 2005 include Art Lichtenstein, president; Diane Hughes, vice-president, and Jamie Melson, secretary/treasurer. The Association will hold its 2005 annual conference October 1-4 in Little Rock at the Doubletree Hotel. The conference theme will be "Coming Together."

## Florida

Piers Anthony, Harry Harrison and Joe Haldeman, three of the world's most prominent science-fiction writers, discussed the creative writing process at an event entitled *Close Encounters* on February 9, 2005 on the **University of South Florida Campus**. These sci-fi giants also hosted a reception and book signing at the USF Tampa. Haldeman is best known for *The Forever War* and *Forever Peace*. Harrison's *Stainless Steel Rat* series and *Make Room! Make Room!* series gained enormous success following the worldwide popularity of his forty novels. Harrison was also recently inducted into the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame. Anthony is best known for his work on series including best sellers like the *Xanth* series, the *Apprentice Adept* and the *Incarnations of Immortality* series. This event is being sponsored by **University of South Florida Libraries**, the USF Humanities Institute, and the USF Honors College.

The **University of South Florida Libraries Digitization Services** unit is pleased to announce a major upgrade of the USF Libraries Digital Collections website. Programmers updated the software to take advantage of new technology and new developments in digital libraries. Users will find a more efficient and streamlined website with quicker responses and rich, detail resource descriptions. This project grew out of the Ethiopian National Research Databank (ENRDB) project which entailed writing an electronic library catalog to assist researchers at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and throughout Africa.

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is now available from the **Orange County Library System**, the first public library to offer this XML format designed to distribute or "feed" news and information through the world wide web directly to the user's own personal news reader or Web log (blog). The Library will share information from its web site [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info) in a category called General Announcements. This feed includes

headlines and links back to [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) for a full article on programs and events at the Library. Soon new feeds will be added including the following topics: Children; Teens; and Computer Classes. There are a number of ways to access RSS feeds from the Library. First, the user needs to have set up their own personal news reader, My Yahoo! or Newsgator page. After installing the reader, users can add each feed manually from the Library's web site by clicking on the "Subscribe" or the "XML" orange button next to the feed. For more information, visit the Library's website [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info) or call 407-835-7480.

The **Orange County Library System** announces another first ... the availability of downloadable audiobooks, digital versions of printed books, from the Library's website. OCLS Library cardholders now have access to over 400 unabridged audiobooks with new titles added monthly.

The **Orange County Library System** has been chosen as one of 10 library systems around the country to participate in the *be well informed @ your library®* program sponsored by the American Library Association and Walgreens. The nationwide initiative is designed to respond to the nearly half of all American adults who have difficulty understanding and using health information. The program combines the partners' health resources to guide consumers who feel overwhelmed by the amount of healthcare information available. The Orange County Library System received a \$25,000 grant to host free seminars led by local Walgreens pharmacists and develop new healthcare collections and resources addressing top health concerns of the community.



## **University of South Florida Libraries Awards \$7,000 in Scholarships**

USF Libraries awarded more than \$7,000 to 12 deserving graduate and undergraduate students this year. USF Libraries began this legacy of supporting academic excellence in 1987, and is one of only a handful of Academic Libraries to offer scholarships. These awards are made possible through generous donations to the scholarship funds made by the Libraries' faculty and staff. This year's winners are:

- George and Bobbe Karpay Book Scholarship: Heather L. Curtiss and Vanessa Maradiegue
- Samuel Y. Fustukjian Memorial Scholarship: Qutayba Abdullatif and Ester Quintana-Rizzo
- Tampa Library Graduate Scholarship: Susan Birchler and Nadav Goldschmied
- Tampa Library Undergraduate Scholarship: Brittany McLaughlin and Misbahuddin Syed
- Library Staff Educational Stipend: LeEtta Gross and Rebecca Peters
- The Ruth and Frank Coleman Award for Excellence in Short Fiction Writing:
  - Grand Prize: Andrew Cochran, "Moving"
  - Runner-Up: Anthony Locascio "The Trollbridge"

**USF Jane Bancroft Cook Library Benefits from the Sarasota Reading Festival.** The Sarasota Reading Festival resulted in donations of \$25,000 to the New College Library Association. Throughout the years, the fundraising efforts of the association have allowed Cook Library to purchase a tremendous amount of library materials. The Sarasota Reading Festival is a free community event promoting literacy and celebrating the pleasures of reading.

The **Orange County Library System** announces the launch of its newest digital resource, educational streaming video, on the Library's website, [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info). The first public library in the Country to offer this curriculum-oriented multimedia from Clearvue & SVE, Inc.'s Power Media Plus. This media-on-demand solution for students features content for all K-12 grade levels and subject areas. OCLS library cardholders will have access to more than 2000 curriculum videos, over 14,000 core concept clips, and nearly 11,000 high-resolution, still images available directly to them at home through the Library's website and in the library on the public access computers. The collection is complete with worksheets and teacher's guides, online resources and video clips.

## Georgia

The **Robert Woodruff W. Library of the Atlanta University Center** is joining five other college libraries (Mount Holyoke, Oberlin, Occidental, Swarthmore and Wellesley) in the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Recruiting Program this summer to address librarian recruitment and diversity issues at the undergraduate level. A recent study estimates that 60 percent of current librarians will reach retirement age by 2020. According to another study, approximately 87 percent of academic and public librarians are Caucasian, although Caucasians comprise only 73 percent of the general population. The impact of both of these issues can be reduced through more innovative, focused recruiting efforts, such as, the Mellon Recruiting Program. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation recently awarded the second of two \$500,000 grants to the participating libraries to support this multi-tiered library recruitment program. One of the key goals of the program is develop a model that addresses recruiting at an early stage when students are beginning to think seriously about career choices. The grant will encompass broad-based, issues-oriented programs to familiarize

undergraduate students with the significant challenges facing the library profession and a selective undergraduate internship experience. Post-baccalaureate intern positions and graduate library school scholarships will be awarded competitively among the participating institutions. The Mellon Recruitment Program is directed by Oberlin College and locally administered through coordinators identified by the participating institutions

## Kentucky

The **Kentucky Library Association (KLA)** has as one of its primary purposes, the provision of professional development opportunities for Kentucky librarians through conferences and programs. Two of the KLA Sections sponsored spring conferences and another has a summer program planned. They are as follows:

- The Academic Library Section and the Special Library Section held a joint spring conference at Lake Barkley State Resort Park on April 13-15. The theme of the meeting was *Visibility for Libraries: Communicating our Vision*.
- The Kentucky Public Library Association (public library section) and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association (trustees section) held a joint meeting at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green on April 13-15. Their theme was *The Discovery of Ideas, The Joy of Reading, The Power of Information*.
- The Kentucky School Media Association (school library section) is planning a "summer refresher" for library media specialists at Paducah Tilghman High School in Paducah on July 12. The title of the one-day refresher is *A Patchwork of Knowledge @ Your Library*.



Kentucky's First Lady, Glenna Fletcher, hosted an Easter Egg Roll on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at the Governor's Mansion on the Capitol grounds in Frankfort, Kentucky. The event was a fundraiser for programs promoting literacy skills for Kentucky's children. KLA had an exhibit booth to promote reading and libraries and KLA members served as volunteers helping with the event.

Kentucky author Silas House (Clay's Quilt, The Coal Tattoo and A Parchment of Leaves) was selected as one of ten featured authors for the ALA *Many Voices, One Nation* event at the annual ALA Conference in Chicago.

KLA will celebrate its centennial in 2006. Named to the 100 Years History of KLA Committee were: Rose Davis (Chair), Christie Robinson, Carolyn Tassie, Linda Perkins, Reinette Jones and Ashley Fowlkes.

Plans are well underway for the **KLA/KSMA (Kentucky School Media Association) Joint Fall Conference**. The meeting will be held this year in Louisville, Kentucky at the newly-renovated Galt House on September 14-17. The conference theme is *Study the Past, Experience the Present, See the Future @ yourlibrary*.

As of May 2005, the Kentucky Library Association has 1,612 total members

## Mississippi

The **Instructional Media Center in Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library** has been recognized as a world leader in its innovative approaches to the use of technology by the New Media Consortium (NMC). A part of the Library since 1998, the Instructional Media Center has been invited to membership in the NMC as part of an unprecedented search for excellence and proven leaders among higher education institutions in the application of technology to teaching, learning, research and creative expression. The selection

process is competitive and all applications were ranked in a criteria-based system of peer review, according to Larry Johnson, chief executive officer of NMC. In addition to the honor of the designation itself, institutions who are NMC members become part of the vibrant community of innovators that is the NMC, working with colleagues across the world to help set the agenda for technology in higher education.

The **Jackson-Hinds Library System** and Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation recently partnered to present the *Testimony to Tolerance Initiative*. The *Initiative* is a comprehensive program which offers cities like Jackson, where access to visual history materials is limited, the opportunity to initiate community-driven, tolerance education programs and house a unique and powerful primary resource that will create a local educational environment that addresses the issues that arise when any kind of intolerance is present. At the center of the *Testimony to Tolerance Initiative* is the *Jackson Visual History Collection*; twenty-one English language testimonies of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses from the Shoah Foundation's visual history archive, one of which was conducted in Mississippi. The *Jackson Visual History Collection* represents a microcosm of the Shoah Foundation's entire archive of more than 50,000 testimonies. Each of the 21 testimonies is a unique life story that includes personal memories of pre-war life, the struggle to survive, and the aftermath of the war. The testimonies in the collection were recorded with interviewees that were born in five countries across Europe including France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Russia. In addition to the testimonies themselves, the Shoah Foundation will provide the Library with a *Testimony Catalogue Binder*, a notebook containing biographical information about each interviewee, such as name, date and country of birth, enabling viewers to search the collection for testimonies that closely match their specific areas of interest. The

*Collection* is available to the public at the Eudora Welty Library.

For more information, please contact Jamie Holcomb, Educational Site Coordinator at the Eudora Welty Library.  
[jholcomb@jhllibrary.com](mailto:jholcomb@jhllibrary.com) or (601) 968-5814.

## North Carolina

The **NCSU Libraries' Special Collections Research Center (SCRC)** was recently awarded a \$49,992 NC ECOO Digitization Grant to create a resource-based research and educational Web site entitled "'Green 'N' Growing': The History of Home Demonstration and 4-H Youth Development in North Carolina." The goal of the 2005-2006 project is to enable teaching, learning, and research by providing access to primary resource materials.

The project will digitize 5,000 unique images, pamphlets, flyers, and other textual documents dating from 1910 to 1970, and it will create Web-based search tools such as EAD finding aids and metadata searchable through Luna Imaging's Insight software. These will be presented in a framework that facilitates both research and educational use at NCSU and throughout the world. While appropriate for use at the college level, these resources can also be accessed by teachers and students at the K-12 grade levels.



Demonstration by Miss Lois Sloop in measuring at local girls sewing club, September 11, 1923. Photo by G. W. Ackerman.

University Archives Photograph Collection, Special Collections Research Center, NCSU Libraries.

On June 1, 2005, the **North Carolina State University Libraries' Distance Learning Services Department** joined with Research and Information Services (RIS) to create a department whose mission encompasses a full range of services to both on-site and off-site users, including reference and instruction; patent, trademark, and government information; spatial and numeric data services; and assistive technologies support. Rob Rucker assumed the post of Head of Research and Information Services.

A new Learning Commons area will emerge from library renovations in fall 2006, offering students a well-equipped space for individual and group study where consultation and assistance are available for both research and technical questions.

## NCLA Elected New Officers for 2005-2007

<i>Secretary:</i>	Paula Pearce Hinton
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Tina Stepp
<i>ALA Rep:</i>	Kevin Cherry
<i>Director:</i>	Frannie Ashburn
<i>Director:</i>	Bryna Coonin

The **North Carolina Library Association** will hold its 56<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference from Sept. 20-23 2005 at the Benton Convention & Civic Center in Winston-Salem. The General Opening Session will feature speaker Herman Boone, football coach & motivator. The Ogilvie Lecture will be given by Dr. Wayne A. Wiegand, F. William Summers Prof. of Library and Information Studies and Prof. of American Studies at Florida State University. The

closing general session will be given by Ron I. Jones, storyteller.

### **South Carolina**

The latest Web exhibit from the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library Special Collections is entitled "Lewis & Clark: Discovering the American West."

The URL is:

<http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/amlit/l&c/l&c.html>

The exhibit uses materials from the Alfred Chapin Rogers Collection, the original South Carolina College library, and other items from Special Collections, to provide a narrative of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The University of South Carolina's Newsfilm Library has received \$300,000 in

federal funding to support activities related to its nationally significant Fox Movietone Newsfilm Collection.

The money will be used in conjunction with the Library of Congress, which also holds a large portion of the Fox Movietone Newsfilm. The goal of the project is to establish a cooperative relationship between the two institutions for better utilization of the collections. It is anticipated that the groundwork laid this fiscal year will result in an extended partnership between the two libraries and their newsreel collections.

The Newsfilm Library will also use the funding to develop midterm and long-term plans for the growth of the Newsfilm Library's collections and facilities and for general film preservation needs.